

## FULL ITINERARY

ORIGINS SAFARI - BOTSWANA  
TULI - MAKGADIKGADI - OKAVANGO  
9 nights / 10 days

START POINT: Johannesburg, SA END POINT: Kasane, Botswana

The safari takes us back in time to discover and explore the fascinating lifestyles of the oldest known culture on the earth - the San Bushmen. Based from a collection of brilliant tented camps and sublime wildlife and wilderness regions we, uncover the mysteries, myths and misconceptions of the first people. Connect with master trackers and naturalists to learn about desert survival, medicine and fire making

### DAYS 1 -2:

Drive or fly from Johannesburg to our flagship retreat, Koro River Camp in the Tuli Game Reserve. Spend the days and nights exploring the wild Tuli, Botswana's most underrated and least known wildlife gems. Game viewing is by vehicle or on foot.

### DAY 3:

A full day excursion to view 1000 year old Bushman paintings close to the small village of Mothlabaneng. The exquisite galleries of giraffe, kudu, lion and social events depict the classic hunter-gatherer activities of the first people in the area. The site, on the Moutlotse River is a beautiful sandstone amphitheatre. The excursion also incorporates Mammagwa Hill which is a 12th century ancient habitation site, a satellite community of the great Mapungubwe kingdom. A fascinating glimpse into the history of southern Africa.

### DAYS 4-6:

Charter flight from Koro to San Camp on in the Makgadikgadi. The camp consists of en-suite classic Meru tents, beautifully appointed and located on the horizon-less ethereal Ntwetwe Pan, the largest and least visited region of the National Park. Days and nights are spent unravelling the mysterious desert landscapes and lifestyles, either game driving, walking, or quad-biking on the pans. Walks with Suakwe (people of the salt) Bushman guides here are spectacular as they share glimpses of traditional lifestyle mean such as: traditional food, how to locate water in the desert, fire & fibre making and storytelling.

### DAYS 6-9

Air charter flight from Makgadikgadi to Bushman Plains camp in the northern Okavango. The flight is incredible and offers a birds eye view of the sensational landscapes below. Bushman Plains is the only Bushman-owned safari operation in Botswana and consist of en-suite Meru tents and a tented lounge - a vintage Botswana destination. Alan once spent 4 weeks here assisting with the launch of the camp. Staff are recruited from the local Bhukakwe (people of the bush) Bushman village of Gudikwa.

The game viewing is excellent and elephant, buffalo, lion, cheetah, wild dog, lechwe, giraffe, sable and a host of others are normally encountered. Game drives and walks are available, all through the lens of legendary Bushman guides.

A special activity is a traditional walk with guide Diesel who regales in stories of the 'old ways' and growing up living a traditional hunter-gatherer lifestyle.

#### DAYS 10

Air charter to the small town of Kasane located just west of the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers where the safari ends. The airport services international flights to Johannesburg

#### OPTIONAL MODULES THAT COULD BE INCLUDED:

1. Extend the itinerary by visiting an additional camp in the Okavango and/or Linyanti.
2. A stay on a houseboat on the Chobe River in Botswana.
3. Continue the safari into Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.
4. Similarly cross the Zambezi River at Kazungula into Zambia and head to safari camps outside Livingstone. This is an alternative springboard to list Victoria Falls from the Zambian side. A day trip into Zimbabwe to tour the Falls is possible

#### WHAT MAKES THIS SAFARI UNIQUE?

1. A combination of secluded and intimate safari camps and unique destinations.
2. Time spent with different regional clans of Bushman (Suakwe and Bhukakwe)
3. Walking with master trackers, pharmacists, naturalists and survivalists in exciting big game areas of pristine wilderness.
4. Discovering the mysteries, myths and misconceptions of the first people of the world.
5. Learn to speak a little of the Bushman language!
6. Discover ancient desert survival techniques set in the remnants of what was the worlds largest super lake (Makgadikgadi). 500 000 year old hand axes have been unearthed here.
7. Meet the staff at Bushman Plains, the only solely Bushman-owned safari operation in the world.
8. Track big game on foot with traditional Bushman guides in the Okavango.
9. Explore the Okavango Delta, the worlds wildest inland delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
10. 10. Big game viewing in the northern Okavango.
11. 11. Low level game flights over the Okavango and Chobe.

